

The Craggagh Chronicle!

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Craggagh Scór County Final Spot!



Following some outstanding performances during the local finals in Kiltimagh, our Ballad Group went on to represent the school at the Scór County Finals in Breaffy on March 26th. The group comprised of Katie Dwyer, Alex Gilmartin, Patrick Gilmartin, Lily

McGreal & Seán McGreal. (Aoife Begley was part of the group that qualified but missed the final). Under the outstanding tutelage of Bn Uí Mhaicín the children gave hugely polished performances of their two songs “An Cailín Álainn” & “Home Away From Home”.

Cooking Up A Storm

Parents of the children in 2nd, 3rd & 4th classes are in for a few treats this year as Mr Rowland’s class have been learning how to cook some classic dishes and no doubt will be experimenting at home in the coming weeks. Already they’ve produced super soup, fantastic fishcakes, masterful meatballs, classy carbonara and perfect pancakes, not to mention barbeques! Rumours of a cook-

book publishing deal for Mr Rowland have been flatly denied!



School Scoops Top Prize in St Patrick’s Parade



A fabulous effort by parents, children and teachers alike saw the school awarded with “Best Bi-lingual Float” in Kiltimagh’s St Patrick’s Day Parade 2011. Well done to all!



Haitian & American Visitors

5th & 6th were visited by Guary Bernadelle & Jim Devaney of the American Higher Education Development corporation. The children were particularly interested in talking to



Guary about his life growing up in Haiti and about the dev-

astating impact of last year’s earthquake. The boys & girls taught Guary a *cúpla focal* and in exchange, the children learned a few words in his native language, Creole.

Young Whistlers

Craggagh Come Dancing!

There were high jinks and jigs in Craggagh NS over the past few weeks as all children put on their dancing shoes to learn a few steps with Ms Gráinne Kelly. Gráinne has been coming to the school for several years and is well known to the children through her involvement with Scór na bPáistí. The children learned “Shoe the Donkey”, “The Walls of Limerick” and “The Stack of Barley” to name but a few. The six weeks of lessons culminated in a Ceilí Mór involving all children (and some teachers!)

Dates for your Diary

- **April 15th:** Easter Holidays
- **May 3rd:** School re-opens
- **May 15th:** First Holy Communion
- **June 6th:** Bank Holiday
- **June 24th:** Summer Holidays

Storyteller

2nd to 6th classes paid a visit to Turlough House during November and were charmed by the wonderful regales of renowned storyteller Niall de Burca. Through both English and Gaeilge Niall had the children enraptured with tales of magic, mystery and myth!

As part of the new “Respect” initiative from Croke Park and Cumann na mBunscol, the senior boys and girls of Craggagh NS will become the first in the county to take part in the Young Whistlers Programme. The children will be

trained as referees and a few will be seen patrolling such fields as McHale Park, Dr Hyde Park and Pearce Stadium during the Connaught Senior Football Championship as part of the Cumann na mBunscol half-time games.

Sports Quiz

Craggagh hosted its first Cumann na mBunscol Sport Quiz this year. A total of 13 teams from 7 schools participated in the event which has held in the packed Community Centre. A huge “thank-you”

is due to a number of parents who helped out on the night, directing traffic, distributing refreshments and tidying up afterwards. The event was a great success and a credit to the school.



Sign language with Brenán Mooney

An Focal Dheireanach...The Last Word

We’ve had a hectic few months since the last *Chronicle*, in fact we haven’t enough space in this edition to record everything in detail! In November, the school was one of only 8 in the county to take part in a new Futsal blitz for 3rd & 4th class children, we also had three past pupils on work experience, Amy O’Brien, Laura King and Katie Cum-

mins and December saw the school undergo its first WSE in over 10 years. 2011 shows no sign of being any different. Having completed 6 week courses in both Swimming and Irish Dancing the children are now enjoying Drama Classes with Joan King. Our annual Card Game was held in February and was greatly supported by parents and the community alike. Confirmation,

First Confessions have taken place and First Holy Communion is only around the corner and the football season is just about to kick off! . Have a lovely Easter Break, best wishes , *Danny, Aingeal, Noel & Eimear.*



Noah meets a special guest!